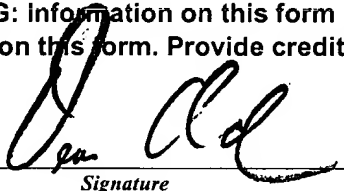
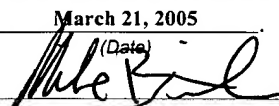


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☐ One month      ☒ Two months      ☐ Three months      ☐ Four months      ☐ Five months

from: **January 19, 2005**      until: **March 19, 2005**  
Date Date

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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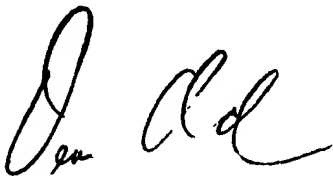
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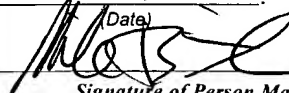
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